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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Prestressed Concrete Steel Rail Tie Wire from Thailand: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Not Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, formerly Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“Department”) preliminarily determines that prestressed concrete steel rail tire wire (“PC tie wire”) from Thailand is not being, or likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”), as provided in section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”). The period of investigation (“POI”) is April 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013. The estimated weighted-average dumping margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the “Preliminary Determination” section of this notice. The final determination will be issued 135 days after publication of this preliminary determination in the Federal Register.

DATES: EFFECTIVE DATE: (INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Johnson or Terre Keaton Stefanova, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4929 or (202) 482-1280, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is high carbon steel wire; stress relieved or low relaxation; indented or otherwise deformed; meeting at a minimum the physical, mechanical, and chemical requirements of the American Society of Testing Materials (“ASTM”) A881/A881M specification; regardless of shape, size or alloy element levels; suitable for use as prestressed tendons in concrete railroad ties (“PC tie wire”). High carbon steel is defined as steel that contains 0.6 percent or more of carbon by weight.

PC tie wire is classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) subheading 7217.10.8045, but may also be classified under subheadings 7217.10.7000, 7217.10.8025, 7217.10.8030, 7217.10.8090, 7217.10.9000, 7229.90.1000, 7229.90.5016, 7229.90.5031, 7229.90.5051, 7229.90.9000, and 7312.10.3012. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.¹

Methodology

The Department has conducted this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Constructed export prices (“CEPs”) have been calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal value (“NV”) has been calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act.

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of

¹ Since the initiation of this investigation, based on interested party comments, we modified the scope to add language to and clarify the meaning of the phrase “meeting at a minimum the American Society for Testing Materials (“ASTM”) A881/A881M specification;” and to include two additional HTSUS numbers. For further discussion, see the memorandum entitled “Scope Modification Requests,” dated concurrently with this determination.

Prestressed Concrete Steel Rail Tie Wire from Thailand, from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, dated concurrently with this determination and hereby adopted by this notice (“Preliminary Decision Memorandum”). The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (“IA ACCESS”). IA ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://iaaccess.trade.gov>, and is available to all parties in the Department’s Central Records Unit, located at room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be found at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.²

Preliminary Determination

The Department preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Exporter/Manufacturer	Weighted-Average Dumping Margin
The Siam Industrial Wire Co., Ltd.	0.07 % (<i>de minimis</i>)
All Others	0.07 % (<i>de minimis</i>)

² As explained in the memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, the Department has exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from October 1, through October 16, 2013. See Memorandum for the Record from Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, “Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government” (October 18, 2013). Therefore, all deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 16 days. If the new deadline falls on a non-business day, in accordance with the Department’s practice, the deadline will become the next business day. The revised deadline for the preliminary determination in this investigation is now December 5, 2013.

The “All Others” rate is based on the weighted-average dumping margin calculated for The Siam Industrial Wire Co., Ltd., the only company for which the Department calculated a rate.³

Suspension of Liquidation

Because the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for the examined company is *de minimis*, we are not directing U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of entries of PC tie wire from Thailand.

Disclosure and Public Comment

We will disclose the calculations performed to parties in this proceeding within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the final verification report is issued in this proceeding and rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline date for case briefs.⁴ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce. All documents must be filed electronically using IA ACCESS. An electronically filed request must be received successfully in its entirety by IA ACCESS, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, within 30 days after the date

³ See section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act.

⁴ See 19 CFR 351.309.

of publication of this notice.⁵ Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, the Department intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Postponement of Final Determination

Pursuant to a request from the petitioners in this investigation, we are postponing the final determination. Accordingly, we will make our final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination, pursuant to section 735(a)(2) of the Act.⁶

International Trade Commission ("ITC") Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our preliminary negative determination of sales at LTFV. If our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after our final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

⁵ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

⁶ See also 19 CFR 351.210(e).

Dated: December 5, 2013.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary
for Enforcement and Compliance.

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum:

1. Differential Pricing Analysis
2. Results of the Differential Pricing Analysis
3. Fair Value Comparisons
4. Product Comparisons
5. Date of Sale
6. Constructed Export Price
7. Normal Value
 - a. Comparison Market Viability
 - b. Level of Trade
 - c. Calculation of Normal Value Based on Constructed Value
8. Currency Conversion
9. Verification

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